

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 8 and 8.4 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 81, par. 118)

7 Sec. 8. State grants.

8 (a) There shall be a program of State grants within the  
9 limitations of funds appropriated by the Illinois General  
10 Assembly together with other funds made available by the  
11 federal government or other sources for this purpose. This  
12 program of State grants shall be administered by the State  
13 Librarian in accordance with rules and regulations as provided  
14 in Section 3 of this Act and shall include the following: (i)  
15 annual equalization grants; (ii) Library System grants; (iii)  
16 per capita grants to public libraries; and (iv) planning and  
17 construction grants to public libraries and library systems.  
18 Libraries, in order to be eligible for grants under this  
19 Section, must be members of a library system.

20 (b) An annual equalization grant shall be made to all  
21 public libraries for which the corporate authorities levy a tax  
22 for library purposes at a rate not less than .13% of the value  
23 of all the taxable property as equalized and assessed by the

1 Department of Revenue if the amount of tax revenue obtained  
2 from a rate of .13% produces less than (i) \$4.25 per capita in  
3 property tax revenue from property taxes for the 2006 taxable  
4 year payable in 2007 and (ii) \$7.50 per capita in property tax  
5 revenue from property taxes for the 2007 taxable year and  
6 thereafter. In that case, the State Librarian is authorized to  
7 make an equalization grant equivalent to the difference between  
8 the amount obtained from a rate of .13% and an annual income of  
9 \$4.25 per capita for grants made through Fiscal Year 2008, and  
10 an annual income of \$7.50 per capita for grants made in Fiscal  
11 Year 2009 and thereafter. If moneys appropriated for grants  
12 under this Section are not sufficient, then the State Librarian  
13 shall reduce the per capita amount of the grants so that the  
14 qualifying public libraries receive the same amount per capita,  
15 but in no event shall the grant be less than equivalent to the  
16 difference between the amount of the tax revenue obtained from  
17 the current levy and an annual income of \$4.25 per capita. If a  
18 library receiving an equalization grant reduces its tax levy  
19 below the amount levied at the time the original application is  
20 approved, it shall be ineligible to receive further  
21 equalization grants.

22 If a library is subject to the Property Tax Extension  
23 Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code and its tax levy for  
24 library purposes has been lowered to a rate of less than .13%,  
25 the library will qualify for this grant if the library levied a  
26 tax for library purposes that met the requirements for this

1 grant in the previous year and if the tax levied for library  
2 purposes in the current year produces tax revenue for the  
3 library that is an increase over the previous year's extension  
4 of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,  
5 whichever is less, and the tax revenue produced by this levy is  
6 less than (i) \$4.25 per capita in property tax revenue from  
7 property taxes for the 2006 taxable year payable in 2007 and  
8 (ii) \$7.50 per capita in property tax revenue from property  
9 taxes for the 2007 taxable year and thereafter. In this case,  
10 the State Librarian is authorized to make an equalization grant  
11 equivalent to the difference between the amount of tax revenue  
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22 library receiving an equalization grant reduces its tax levy  
23 below the amount levied at the time the original application is  
24 approved, it shall be ineligible to receive further  
25 equalization grants.

26 (c) Annual Library System grants shall be made, upon

1 application, to each library system approved by the State  
2 Librarian on the following basis:

3 (1) For library systems, the sum of \$1.46 per capita of  
4 the population of the area served plus the sum of \$50.75  
5 per square mile or fraction thereof of the area served  
6 except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

7 (2) If the amounts appropriated for grants are  
8 different from the amount provided for in paragraph (1) of  
9 this subsection, the area and per capita funding shall be  
10 proportionately reduced or increased accordingly.

11 (3) For library systems, additional funds may be  
12 appropriated. The appropriation shall be distributed on  
13 the same proportional per capita and per square mile basis  
14 as provided in paragraphs (1) and (4) of this subsection.

15 (4) Per capita and area funding for a multitype library  
16 system as defined in subparagraph (3) of the definition of  
17 "library system" in Section 2 and a public library system  
18 in cities with a population of 500,000 or more as defined  
19 in subparagraph (2) of the definition of "library system"  
20 in Section 2 shall be apportioned with 25% of the funding  
21 granted to the multitype library system and 75% of the  
22 funding granted to the public library system.

23 (d) The "area served" for the purposes of this Act means  
24 the area that lies within the geographic boundaries of the  
25 library system as approved by the State Librarian. In  
26 determining the population of the area served by the library

1 system, the Illinois State Library shall use the latest federal  
2 census for the political subdivisions in the area served.

3 (e) In order to be eligible for a grant under this Section,  
4 the corporate authorities, instead of a tax levy at a  
5 particular rate, may provide an amount equivalent to the amount  
6 produced by that levy.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-527, eff. 8-14-03.)

8 (75 ILCS 10/8.4) (from Ch. 81, par. 118.4)

9 Sec. 8.4. School library grants. Beginning July 1, 1989,  
10 the State Librarian shall make grants annually under this  
11 Section to all school districts in the State for the  
12 establishment and operation of qualified school libraries, or  
13 the additional support of existing qualified school libraries,  
14 from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Such grants  
15 shall be in the amount of \$0.75 per student as determined by  
16 the official enrollment as of the previous September 30 of the  
17 respective school having a qualified school library. If the  
18 moneys appropriated for grants under this Section are not  
19 sufficient, the State Librarian shall reduce the amount of the  
20 grants as necessary; in making these reductions, the State  
21 Librarian shall endeavor to provide each school district that  
22 has a qualifying school library (i) at least the same amount  
23 per student as the district received under this Section in the  
24 preceding fiscal year, and (ii) a total grant of at least \$750,  
25 which, in the event of an insufficient appropriation, shall not

1 be reduced to a total grant of less than \$100 ~~\$100~~.

2 To qualify for grants under this Section, a school library  
3 must:

4 (1) Be an entity which serves the basic information and  
5 library needs of the school's employees and students  
6 through a bibliographically organized collection of  
7 library materials, has at least one employee whose primary  
8 duty is to serve as a librarian, and has a collection  
9 permanently supported financially, accessible centrally,  
10 and occupying identifiable quarters in one principal  
11 location.

12 (2) Meet the requirements for membership in a library  
13 system under the provisions of this Act.

14 (3) Have applied for membership in the library system  
15 of jurisdiction if the system is a multitype library system  
16 under this Act.

17 (4) Provide, as mutually determined by the Illinois  
18 State Librarian and the Illinois State Board of Education,  
19 library services which either meet or show progress toward  
20 meeting the Illinois school library standards as most  
21 recently adopted by the Illinois School Library Media  
22 Association.

23 (5) Submit a statement certifying that the financial  
24 support for the school library or libraries of the applying  
25 school district has been maintained undiminished, or if  
26 diminished, the percentage of diminution of financial

1 support is no more than the percentage of diminution of the  
2 applying school's total financial support for educational  
3 and operations purposes since the submission of the last  
4 previous application of the school district for the school  
5 library per student grant that was funded.

6 Grants under this Section shall be made only upon  
7 application of the school district for its qualified school  
8 library or school libraries.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-507, eff. 8-13-99.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
11 2008.